

Turner Opera House

John Turner and his sons also operated a successful business corner on Main Street and Second North, which included Turner's Store, and the Turner Opera House mentioned in Chapter Twelve. When the Turners went out of business, the Golden Rule Store which later was the J. C. Penney Company opened its first Heber store at this location. The Lee Johnson service station now occupies the site. HBM P'61

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JOHN MUIR TURNER

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John Muir Turner was born December 27, 1877, at Heber, Wasatch County, Utah, son of John and Agnes Montgomery Turner. He was the eighth child of 12 children. He received his education in a school-

John M. Turner
HEBER — John Muir Turner, 76, founder of Turner Building Supply Stores and lifetime resident of Heber, died at a Salt Lake hospital Saturday, 3:45 a.m., after two months' illness.
 Born Dec. 27, 1877, at Heber, son of John and Agnes Montgomery Turner. Married Anna M. Willmore Dec. 29, 1916, in Logan. Marriage later solemnized in Salt Lake LDS Temple. Active in LDS Church. Operated building supply stores at Heber, Roosevelt and Vernal.
 Survivors, widow; three sons, J. Willmore, Heber; Robert, Vernal; Benjamin, Roosevelt; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Carlile, Mrs. Anna Jean Nyman, Heber; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Cummings, Heber; Mrs. Josie Daybell, Salt Lake City.
 Funeral Monday 2 p.m. Heber First LDS Ward chapel. Friends call at family residence, 156 N. 3rd East, Sunday after 3 p.m. and Monday prior to funeral. Burial Heber Cemetery, by Olpin Mortuary.



Mr. Turner



house where the Heber First-Sixth Ward now stands. After a few years there he attended Central School, a building located where the present Central School now stands. He graduated from the eighth grade and was considered a well-educated young man.

As a young fellow he helped his father with farming and the cattle business. In the summer his father had a sawmill, and young John would work there also. Later on, his folks built a store and a theater and he helped by carrying the load for the entire job.

As a boy he liked baseball and became a fairly good player. He later worked on the Ontario Drain Tunnel, where the Park Utah mine at Keetley now is.

In 1903, when the telephone exchange was built at Heber, he found a job constructing the lines. That same year he went to St. Louis, Missouri, to work, staying there until the fall of 1904. He went to the World's Fair several times and had the pleasure of showing friends and relatives from Heber around the fair.

When he arrived home from St. Louis he stayed but a short time. There was a gold rush at Goldfield, Nevada, and there was much excitement. So, with Joe Averett and Louis Jaspersen, they rigged up a sheep wagon and a team of horses and set out to seek their fortunes. This trek required 23 days before Goldfield was reached.

While working there, his father died. However, he never received word of his death until about sixty days later, because he was out prospecting for gold. As soon as he was notified he made preparations to return home.

After his return home from Nevada he

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farmed, helping to operate the theater, raised cattle, and worked in the sawmill. This work he continued until about 1915. Then he and his brother James went to Idaho, to the Raft River Valley. There he met his future wife, Anna Willmore. They were married in Logan, Utah, on December 29, 1916. This marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. To this couple were born three sons and two daughters.

After several years working at various jobs, he finally secured employment with the Bonneville Lumber Company in Heber. Later he became manager of this business when the former manager moved away. He worked there 12 years, and then they sold out to another concern. He continued with the new concern about 18 months.

During the depression years of the 1930s he started his own lumber yard business. This new venture was called the Turner Building Supply. The original store opened for business April 1, 1934, and the location was the old Joseph Hatch coal yard down by the railroad track. On July 1, 1942, the present store on Main Street was ready for business. Vernal, in addition to the one in Heber. These businesses are operated by his three sons.

He was active in his Church. He took great pride in being on the building committee of the First Ward chapel when it was remodeled and enlarged. Ground for this project was broken on April 15, 1952, and the building dedicated on March 11, 1953.

He was a charter member of the Heber Lions Club and one of the oldest key members in the international organization.

Over the years, John acquired many friends, both young and old. He lived a full, active life practically to the very end.

On March 20, 1954, John Muir Turner died in a Salt Lake City hospital following a two-month illness. His funeral services were held in the First Ward chapel on March 22, and he was buried in the cemetery at Heber.

number pertaining to that child.

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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Chr. _____ Place _____
Marr. _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Bur. _____ Place _____

HUSBAND'S FATHER _____ HUSBAND'S MOTHER _____
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE
Born _____ Place _____
Chr. _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Bur. _____ Place _____
WIFE'S FATHER _____ WIFE'S MOTHER _____
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM
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This stalwart landmark was finally destroyed by fire during the 1940s.

John and Agnes Turner had a large family, seven sons and four daughters: William, Robert, Agnes Levi, Moroni, Margaret, John M., James L., Mary L., Joseph C. and Josie.

John Turner died April 19, 1906. Agnes Turner died October 14, 1927. She was a member of the first DUP camp in Heber and a member of the Forget-Me-Not camp when it was divided.

WILLIAM L. TURNER



William L. Turner was born to John and Agnes Montgomery Turner on July 31, 1866, at Heber, Utah.

He had been connected with various business interests of the city—in the lumber business with his father and brothers, furnishing much of the timber used in the Park City mines, and built and operated an amusement and dance hall.

His father owned a general drygoods store at Main and Second North, and Will served there.

He was a bookkeeper and later manager of A. Hatch & Co. co-op store. He also served as a director and cashier of the Bank of Heber City several years.

Mr. Turner was interested in farming and cattle raising.

JANE HATCH TURNER

Emma Jane Hatch was born to Abram and Permelia Lott Hatch on February 6, 1869, at Heber, Utah.

She received her education in Heber City



schools and had a year at the University of Deseret in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On January 1, 1890, she married William L. Turner and to them seven children were born: Lacy T. Dannenberg, Abram W. Turner, Florence T. Balaska, Ruth T. Smith, Joseph Turner, Josie T. Wetmore and Darrow Hill Turner.

Mrs. Turner was prominently identified with business and civic affairs throughout the state, holding various offices in the state Republican organizations many years. She had been president and manager of Heber Mills 10 years.

One of the organizers of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in Wasatch County, she was the first president of the camp, serving several years. She was well known as a writer and public speaker and many poems and articles by her have been published.

EXPLANATIONS

